WHEREAS, The Honorable Merton B. Tice has announced his retirement from the Bench after twenty years of service to the people of South Dakota as Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Judge and as Judge in District, County and Municipal Courts in the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Tice's devotion and dedication to the cause of justice has instilled confidence in our judicial system and served as a fine example to the legal profession; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Tice has been a lifelong resident of the State of South Dakota, and of the Mitchell area, and has contributed unselfishly of his time and talents to his church, his community, fraternal, patriotic and professional organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Tice has had a long and distinguished career of service to his country, serving in the United States Army as a veteran of World War II, and as National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Tice sought to preserve the two-party system within the State of South Dakota by submitting himself to electoral contests at regular intervals; and,

WHEREAS, We in South Dakota are grateful to Judge Tice for his outstanding service as Commissioner of Securities for our State; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Tice is not a bad golfer for a duffer, and has shown a personal concern for the environment by his first-hand inspection of many of the rougher and more primitive natural areas adjacent to the greens and fairways of our State; and,

WHEREAS, The retirement of Judge Tice is worthy of public recognition in the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this special occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 9, 1978, as

JUDGE MERTON B. TICE DAY

in South Dakota, and Nancy and I join with his many, many friends in wishing him a day filled with joy and friendship, and an abundance of good health and happiness in the years ahead. Godspeed to you, Merti

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight

SECRETARY OF STATE

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

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